REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 28-39, without prejudice. Applicants have also amended claims 2, 3, 11, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25 and 26, and added new claims 40-46.

Support for the amended and new claims is found in the originally filed application. Exemplary support for amended claims 3, 20, 22, 24 and 26 may be found at page 34, lines 21-36. Exemplary support for new claims 40-46 may be found at page 40, line 34 to page 41, line 12. Amended claims 2, 11, 19 and 25 do not add any claim language. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In light of the changes to the claims, accompanying this amendment is a Petition for Correction of Inventorship, to delete inventors David Lipson and David J. Flanagan at this time, without prejudice.

A new abstract is provided on a separate page as required by U.S. practice, with language from the front page of the WIPO application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mara E. Liepa (Reg. No. 40,066), at (612) 371.5222.

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